

U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION BOARD OF ADVISORS

RESOLUTION 2008-6

Whereas, The United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC) is an agency of the United States federal government created by the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA); and

Whereas, technical assistance on election administration has traditionally been insufficient with regard to attention on accessibility and disability issues; and

Whereas, disability issues exist that are not addressed in the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines or the Americans with Disabilities Act (e.g., training poll workers on voting system accessibility, effectively recruiting people with disabilities to serve as poll workers, and other issues);

Whereas, the EAC publishes multiple Quick Start Guides to assist state and local election officials effectively manage and administer elections (e.g., Polling Places and Vote Centers; Poll Workers; Ballot Preparation; and other Guides); now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Advisors recommends that the EAC develop a Quick Start Guide on Accessibility and Disability Issues -- and that in the process of developing the Guide, it invite participation by known Board of Advisor members with accessibility expertise.

A True Record Attest:

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Passed on June 18, 2008 by a majority voice vote of those present.